

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT





April 5, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT SEVENTH YEAR FUNDING UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FROM THE STATE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to apply for \$32,723,691 in Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding for FY 2007-2008 from the State Corrections Standards Authority (CSA).
- Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the attached County of Los Angeles Application and Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Modification (Plan) and submit final documents to the CSA by May 1, 2007 and make subsequent program modifications, if needed.
- Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept \$32,723,691 in seventh year JJCPA funding for FY 2007-2008 from the CSA, upon approval of the County of Los Angeles Application and Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Modification.
- 4. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to execute any amendments or extensions to existing contracts consistent with the Plan for the purpose of continuing programs implemented under the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan developed by the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, and to report any program changes as appropriate.

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- 5. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with various government agencies to provide services consistent with the Plan, upon approval as to form by County Counsel; and to report to the Board as appropriate.
- 6. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to utilize any interest or unspent JJCPA funds available in FY 2007-08 on allowable JJCPA expenses.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to adopt a Resolution (Attachment A) authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to apply for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding to continue the implementation of the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (Plan) for a seventh year, and giving assurances that the Board has reviewed and approved the County of Los Angeles Application and Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Modification (Application and Plan Modification). The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), formerly the Board of Corrections (BOC), requires that a resolution be approved and adopted by your Board and submitted with the Application and Plan Modification (Attachment B). The deadline for submission of the application and related documents is May 1, 2007.

The Plan was a result of a multi-agency planning effort coordinated by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). The Plan was approved by the CSA and implemented following approval by your Board on March 20, 2001. Consistent with CSA requirements, the JJCC has continued to meet on a monthly basis to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Plan. The proposed Application and Plan Modification enhances current programs with the increased funding and does not include any substantive.

Attachment C provides a list of funding specifically allocated to other government agencies. During the month of March 2007, meetings were held where current service providers and other stakeholders were given the opportunity to provide input on the services presently provided under the JJCPA programs. The meetings included workgroups with representatives from service providers, County departments, commissions, parents, and advocacy groups. The FY 2007-2008 Plan takes into consideration input from the workgroups, a review by the RAND Corporation, and Probation's experience during the past six years.

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Changes due to population adjustments that impact the allocation formula or legislative action on the Governor's proposed budget increased the funding allocation from \$31,717,366 in FY 2006-2007 to \$32,723,691 in FY 2007-2008. The proposed Plan includes increased allocations to Probation, community-based organizations, and other governmental agencies currently providing services under JJCPA. Attachment D outlines the proposed JJCPA funding allocations for FY 2007-2008.

Approved services are currently provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations. The recommended action will also delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with these agencies and organizations to continue these efforts, as required in the Plan. Further, the Chief Probation Officer will be authorized to utilize interest and unspent JJCPA funds available in FY 2007-08 on allowable JJCPA expenses with appropriate notice to the JJCC.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal #5, Children and Families' Well-Being, as implementation of the recommendations will enable the Probation Department to continue the coordination and collaboration of integrated services for probation and at-risk youth and their families across functional and jurisdictional boundaries. The recommended actions are consistent with Goal #1, Service Excellence as the Probation Department will evaluate the JJCPA funded services based on results.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The CSA anticipates allocating \$32,723,691 in JJCPA funds, pending its approval of the County's Application and Plan Modification. In the event of funding reductions, the necessary adjustments will be made to the JJCPA programs. There is no match requirement or net County cost associated with the Plan. The County must adhere to JJCPA requirements regarding the expenditure of said funds.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 20, 2001, your Board authorized the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the Plan and apply to CSA for Crime Prevention Act of 2000 funding, now known as JJCPA. The County's initial allocation was \$34,917,974. SB 736 (Poochigian–Burton)

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addressed the future of JJCPA and authorized the CSA to fund participating counties for FY 2002-2003. For FY 2007-2008, Los Angeles County's allocation, pending CSA's approval of the Application and Plan Modification, is \$32,723,691. The funds are to be encumbered by June 30, 2008 and liquidated by June 30, 2010.

Funding eligibility under JJCPA requires each county to submit to the CSA an application consisting of a Plan Modification and resolution from your Board.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

This funding will allow for the continued implementation of the Plan that addresses the critical problem of mental health needs of probationers, provides community-level prevention and intervention strategies that target high-risk neighborhoods, and focuses on achieving school success for probationers and at-risk youth. These services are currently provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Chief Administrative Officer

County Counsel